

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Naoyuki Yamamoto et al.

Application No.: 10/565,497

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For: CASEIN HYDROLYZATE, PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME AND USE
THEREOF

Examiner: A. J. Kosar

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction and election mailed October 31, 2008, applicant hereby elects invention Group I (claims 1-4 and 14) for prosecution in this application.

This election is made with traverse and the right to file divisional applications is retained. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a product claim, Applicant will be entitled to rejoin withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claim.

CONCLUSION

A prompt official action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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